



Lawrence Excellence Awards Program

OCTOBER 28, 2008

2008 EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

CITY HALL ATRIUM, GROUND FLOOR

5:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

- Reception

CITY COMMISSION ROOM

5:30 PM

- Comments from City Official
- LEAP Award Recipients
- 5 and 10 year Service Award Ceremony

5:45 PM

- Comments from City Official
- 15 and 20 year Service Award Ceremony

6:35 PM

- Comments from Mayor Michael Dever
- 25, 30 and 35 year Service Award Ceremony
- Retiree Service Award Ceremony

LEAP Award Recipients

Eric Gruber

The 2007 Digital Cities Survey examines how cities use technology to create a seamless environment between local government and constituents. Eric led the effort to complete and submit the 179 data point survey for the City of Lawrence. As a result of his efforts, the City of Lawrence's web site was ranked 8th in the category of Digital City.

Dale Mooney

Dale consistently acts as a go to person in his department. There have been numerous occasions in which Dale has worked over his lunch hour in order to train and assist other individuals in his department, and to work on repairing equipment.

John Williams

John had the idea of creating a City award that would recognize a technology student in one of the local high schools for going above and beyond. John submitted this idea to the CMO, and the idea was well received. Mayor Sue Hack also liked the idea, and even wanted to add a similar award for a student demonstrating excellent leadership. John took the initiative to contact Microtech Computers to see if they would donate notebooks for the awards. He also reviewed and evaluated each of the students that were nominated for the awards, and was able to assist with picking the winners as well!

Michael Todd Brown

Mr. Brown has historically done tenacious work in voluntarily securing monetary funds through obtaining various grants for the City of Lawrence's Police Department. The grants that he has secured have predominately been utilized to further advance the field of audio/video forensics, computer forensics and traditional crime scene forensics. Specifically, these funds have been used for training and to purchase equipment for specialist in the field for the Lawrence Police Department. Most recently, Mr. Brown led the effort to secure the Homeland Security Grant, which was in the amount of \$154,000.

Treni Westcott

Treni was completing a routine rental inspection when she discovered a family with a disabled parent that had a young child. This family was living in horrible conditions. Treni took it upon herself to try to assist this family by helping them identify a better home to live in. She contacted numerous landlords throughout the City of Lawrence, and one of them finally agreed to cut their rental fees nearly in half for the family in need. Treni has continued to take this family under her wing, and in December of 2007 Treni collected donations so that the family could have a nice Christmas.

Dean Brown

The Fire Department recently experienced a Double-Failure that caused them to lose the data on their server. Detective Brown was contacted by Information Systems to see if he could assist with the data recovery. He worked several hours utilizing forensic techniques to recover the data, and it was recovered successfully! The City of Lawrence would have had to spend between \$6,000 and \$18,000 if we had to outsource this data recovery.

Ryann Pem

Ryann raised over \$1500 for the Wagner Children's Fund through her efforts in hosting a Silent Auction for the family at the Jazzhaus. She spent countless hours on the event. She arranged for the donation of a venue (Jazzhaus); solicited donations from various artists both local and nation wide (about 20 pieces of original art were auctioned); arranged for live music (again donated); contacted groups that the Wagner's associated with to support the fund raiser; and publicized the event with the media to encourage community participation.

5 Years of Service

Anthony Brixius	Police Officer
Dustin Chase	Police Officer
Casey Cooper	Police Officer
Shawn Daubert	Police Officer
Jeffery Dixon	Solid Waste Loader
Alicia Ellingson	Administrative Support III
Harold Grady, Jr.	Police Officer
Chad Heston	Mechanic II
Tony Hoch	Project Specialist
Gary Jones	Solid Waste Loader
Duane LaFrenz	Solid Waste Loader
Steven Lashley	Project Engineer II
Dan Lungu	Collection System Operator
Judith McCartney	Administrative Support II
Harold McNeive	Project Inspector
William Musick	Senior Maintenance Worker
Patricia Ogle	Water Quality Technician
Marco Ramirez	Solid Waste Loader
Jay Rozell	Police Officer
Lawrence Sanders	Distribution System Operator
Roger Stockman	Police Officer
Chris Wika	Maintenance Worker
Lynne Zollner	Planner II

10 Years of Service

Craig Anderson	Park & Facility Maintenance II
William Besack	Fire Engineer (EMT-I)
Kimberly Brice-Gray	Administrative Support II
Michael Byrn	Police Officer
Rick Caldwell	Park & Facility Maintenance II
Christopher Cheek	Field Supervisor Collection/Distribution
Marlo Cohen	Management Analyst
William Cory	Police Sergeant
Donald Dalquest	Court Security Officer
Terry Eaton	Mechanic II
Michael Fulkerson	Fire Lieutenant (EMT-I)
Jennifer Harvey	Risk Manager
Mark Hecker	Parks/Maintenance Supt
Richard Henley	Senior Park & Facility Maintenance
Brandon Holloman	Fire Lieutenant (Paramedic)
Sean Humphrey	Fire Engineer (EMT-I)
Lloyd Jones, Jr.	Senior Maintenance Worker
Wendy Koerner	Transportation Specialist
Patrick Leming	Maintenance Worker
Mary McClelland	Custodian II
Randy McGrath	Municipal Court Judge
Michael McLaren	Police Officer
Matthew McNemee	Police Officer
Lisa Patterson	Communications Manager
LaJon Pruett	Meter Reader
Leo Souders	Police Officer
Micah Stegall	Police Officer
Justin Temple	Fire Lieutenant (EMT-I)
Michael Verbanic	Police Officer
Matthew Weidl	Police Officer



15 Years of Service

Robert Brown	Detective
Michael Coffey	Network Technician
Chris Eckart	Plant Operator
James Garcia	Solid Waste Operator I
David Grosdidier	Solid Waste Operator II
Brent Hill	Field Supervisor Park & Facility Maintenance
Patrick Karlin	Fire Captain
William Nye	Field Supervisor/Streets
Duane Peterson	Recreation Program Supervisor
Debi Thompson	Administrative Support II
Terry Wisdom	Senior Maintenance Worker
David Woosley	Transportation/Traffic Engineer

20 Years of Service

Vernon Barnhart	Field Supervisor/Solid Waste
Michael Cardona	Distribution System Operator
Claude Chappelle	Plant Operator
Gerald Cooley	City Attorney
Gary Crowe	Control System Technician
Michael Hadl	Senior Maintenance Worker
Michael Hanson	Plant Operator
Mark Hegeman	Wastewater Systems Manager
James King	Fire Captain
James McKenzie	Fire Engineer (Basic)
Joseph Mehl	Fire Lieutenant (Paramedic)
Chris Mulvenon	Management Analyst
Tracy Potter	Plant Operator
David Rector	Fire Lieutenant (Paramedic)
Steven Stewart	Fleet Manager

25 Years of Service

Frank Demby, Jr.	Park & Facility Maintenance II
Edward Easterwood	Fire Lieutenant (EMT-I)
Michael Ellis	Water/Wastewater Maintenance Manager
Richard Grant	Senior Maintenance Worker
Daniel Hardtarfer	Fire Engineer (Basic)
Cullen Holland	Horticulturist II
Merlyn Klemme	Distribution System Operator
Diane Roberts	Plant Operator
Ron Rushing	Fire Engineer (Paramedic)
Rod Sumonja	Fire Engineer (Paramedic)

30 Years of Service

William Brickell	Fire Inspection Officer
Kevin Carr	Inspections Supervisor
Jerry Grant	Field Supervisor Collection/Distribution
Fredrick Laughlin	Fire Engineer (Paramedic)
Linda Miller	Administrative Support II
Richard Nickell	Police Sergeant
Timothy Pinnick	Plan Review Manager

40 Years of Service

Aaron Turner	Solid Waste Operator II
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Retirees

David Anderson

19 Years of Service
10/03/1988 to 3/14/2008

Detective

Kevin Brock

26 Years of Service
5/11/1981 to 12/21/2007

Field Supervisor—Streets

Edward Brunt

29 Years of Service
5/15/1978 to 3/14/2008

Police Captain

William Byington

14 Years of Service
9/1/1992 to 3/16/2007

Plant Maintenance Mechanic

David Cobb

32 Years of Service
7/7/1975 to 6/21/2008

Police Captain

Ronald Hall

28 Years of Service
9/4/1979 to 6/20/2008

Information Systems Director

Fredrick Laughlin

30 Years of Service
1/3/1978 to 3/17/2008

Fire Engineer (Paramedic)

Clinton Lynn

24 Years of Service
8/1/1983 to 6/19/2008

Fire Captain

Timothy Pinnick

30 Years of Service
6/19/1978 to 6/23/2008

Plan Review Manager

Irma Tesar

14 Years of Service
11/15/1993 to 9/15/2008

Administrative Support I

Congratulations

**Congratulations to all of our Service
Award Recipients.**

**We thank you for your
wonderful years of service with the
City of Lawrence and look forward to
many more.**

**We bid a fond farewell to our
Retirees.**

City of Lawrence

MISSION

We are committed to providing excellent City services that enhance the quality of life for the Lawrence community.

*In order to fulfill our mission,
we are committed to these basic values.*

VALUES

Integrity
Courtesy
Fairness
Honesty

Thank you for joining us this evening in
honoring our dedicated staff.

CITY COMMISSION

MAYOR

MICHAEL DEVER

VICE-MAYOR

ROBERT CHESTNUT

COMMISSIONERS

MIKE AMYX

SUE HACK

DENNIS "BOOG" HIGHBERGER

CITY MANAGEMENT

CITY MANAGER

DAVID L. CORLISS

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS

CYNTHIA BOECKER

DIANE STODDARD

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

JONATHAN DOUGLASS